34 holdups committed

Triple-murder mystery solved

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHI, Dec 31: At least 34 holdups, including of 25 vehicles, were committed in the city on Thursday. The vehicles were either snatched or stolen.

Ten of them are cars and 15 motorcycles. The police, despite their claim that they have controlled carjacking, they continue to flourish in their trade by driving away the stolen vehicles to upcountry where they sell the vehicles for a song. It has become a thriving industry for criminals.

ROBBERIES: At least nine holdups were committed in the city on Thursday.

Five men broke into a textile mill in Quaidabad and made off with Rs99,000.

Nand Lal was looted of Rs30,000 by four young gunmen in the airport area.

Dr Saghir lodged a report with the Gizri police that four gunmen barged into his house and robbed him of cash, American passport, two air tickets and two bags.

Nisar Ahmed was deprived of Rs3,300 and other valuables in Defence Housing Authority.

A shopkeeper, Mohammad Laeeq, was looted of 34 wristwatches by bandits in Clifton.

Mohammed Mustafa was robbed of Rs54,600 by three bandits in PECHS.

Mohammed Arshad was deprived of cash and mobile telephone by two bandits in Gulshan-i-Iqbal.

Gunmen robbed Khaleel Rehman of Rs196,360 at gunpoint in Gulberg.

Bandits barged into Muzzafar's house in Nazimabad and looted him of jewellery, a TV and a VCP.

TRIPLE-MURDER: The police claimed to have solved the mystery of the murder of three members of a family in Malir on Wednesday. Nawab, his wife and young son were found slaughtered in their house while Asma, the couple's daughter, had gone, apparently, to college. After the police grilled Asma, she reportedly said she had wanted to marry a boy, Farhan. Her parents and the brother opposed it. On Wednesday, Farhan, according to the girl's statement, with his two other accomplices, slaughtered the girl's father, mother and brother. Asma has been arrested and the search for her lover and his two other accomplices has been mounted.

DIES: A young domestic servant died after the gun of a security guard went off accidentally in PECHS.

Preliminary reports said Nisar, a guard of a private security agency, was on duty when his gun went off accidentally and a bullet hit the domestic servant, Hasan, 22, in the chest. He was taken to the hospital where he died afterwards.

The police said the investigation was under way to determine the exact cause of death.

WOUNDED: A man was shot and wounded by two suspects after they snatched his motorcycle in Mehmoodabad.

Mohammed Hasan had gone to purchase milk from a milkshop. Two suspects were standing there. As Hasan turned after taking milk, the accused snatched his motorcycle. When he resisted, they opened fire at him and drove away his motorcycle. They abandoned the vehicle after a little distance. Hasan was wounded and taken to the hospital.

Two brothers were wounded in shooting in Kalakot.

They were identified as Noor Mohammed and Sher Mohammed. The police said the shooting took place during a quarrel over children.

The wounded were taken to Civil Hospital where their condition were, reportedly, stable.

ARRESTED: Five people were arrested on a charge of snatching a truck in Mochko.

The truck was recovered after the police raided the vehicle-snatchers den. They were identified as Mohammad Saleem, Mohammad Iqbal, Ghulam Abbas, Mohammed Rasheed and Mushtaq.